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23 February 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

25X1 Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell (part of meeting),  
Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms,  
25X1 Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, [redacted]  
[redacted]

MR. DULLES:

25X1 a. Stated he wanted to be sure that we are making use of all available talent in our [redacted] operations, and said he assumed we are using people who worked on PBSUCCESS and other similar operations. Mr. Barnes assured him that full use is being made of the knowledge gained by officers in previous programs of this nature. The Director then commented it would be useful if the Agency maintained a list of all people who participate in this activity in order that they may be readily available at a moment's notice -- in short, a cadre of experts. He also commented consideration should be given to compiling a list [redacted] whom we could lay our hands on as required. Action: DD/P

25X1 b. Noted several cables pertaining to the situation [redacted] and after discussing the sensitivity of the source of this information, it was agreed that DD/P would prepare "a short paragraph" which the Director can use in his briefing at the NSC meeting scheduled for 25X1 24 February.

25X1 c. Noted he had had a most interesting conversation yesterday 25X1 with [redacted] who has just returned from a trip to [redacted] The Director said it was imperative 25X1 that action be taken to beef up our activities [redacted] particularly in view of [redacted] 25X1 there. Mr. Helms noted that [redacted] is being covered to some extent 25X1 but we have always experienced difficulties [redacted] in setting 25X1 up covert activities [redacted] Mr. Helms 25X1 stated, however, in response to a query from the Director, that he 25X1 would furnish the Director a report of our activities in this area. It 25X1 was also suggested that [redacted] is becoming [redacted] increasingly important 25X1 and steps should be taken [redacted] in assisting us in covering this area too. *Action - DD/P*

d. Noted a report contained in a State Department Despatch indicating that [redacted] who has been [redacted] in Moscow was now in London and prepared "to tell all" about the ill treatment he had received from the Soviets. [redacted]

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e. Noted a State cable from Moscow (#1967 dated 18 February) regarding Mr. Hammer's conversation with Soviet officials, and asked what we knew about this individual. Mr. Sheldon said we had been working for some time trying to find out more about Hammer and had been able to pull together some information. At the Director's request, Mr. Sheldon undertook to prepare a memorandum covering this matter which the DCI may wish to forward to the Department of State.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

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a. Reported on the status of the [redacted] and stated it was recommended that he be suspended as of this date. The Director agreed but made it clear no reason should be given for the suspension. Mr. Kirkpatrick also commented that apparently [redacted] not only anticipates being suspended but also would not be surprised if he is fired outright.

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b. Reported that he and J. C. King had recently talked with

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